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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 2876

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application. Applicant is other than a small entity. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply. The shortened statutory period of response is set to expire on March 9, 2004. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. Accordingly, the fee for the Amendment has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity		Other Than Small Entity		
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra		Rate	Additional Fee		Rate	Additional Fee
Total	62	- 32	= 30		x \$ 9	\$*		x \$ 18	\$ 540
Independent	13	- 13	= 0		x \$ 42	\$*		x \$ 84	\$ 0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					x \$140	\$0		x \$280	\$ -0-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE									\$540

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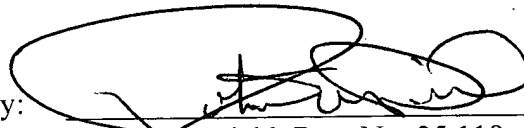
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Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 8, 2004

By:



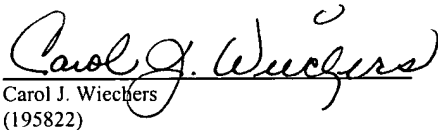
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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

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I hereby certify that this Reply to the Office Action of December 9, 2003, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service, postage prepaid, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of)	
Becker, et al.)	
)	Art Unit: 2876
Application No. 10/075,153)	
)	Examiner: K. Koyama
Filed: February 14, 2002)	
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For: Coding Symbolology and a Method)	
for Printing Same)	

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 9, 2003

Mail Stop Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the Office Action mailed December 9, 2003 ("December Action"), which set a shortened statutory period of time of three months for a reply. Because this Reply is submitted within that time limit, no extension fee is due. Due to the addition of several claims, however, certain fees are due and check no. 20069 in the amount of \$540.00 is enclosed. If any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this page is enclosed for that purpose.

Please consider the below Amendments and Remarks, which are in the format codified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

Introductory Comments begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this Reply.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this Reply.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

A. Correction of Correspondence Address

Applicants requested in their Reply to the Office Action of April 3, 2003 (the Office Action hereinafter the "April Action"), that the correspondence address be changed to the individual and address listed below. Because the present action did not reflect the requested change, Applicants respectfully repeat their request that all future correspondence and telephone calls be directed to:

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B. Acceptance of Corrected Drawing and Entry of Amendments in Immediate Prior Reply

In their Reply to the April Action, Applicants respectfully requested acceptance of a corrected Figure 1, as well as entry of certain amendments to the specification (*see* Reply to the April Action at pp. 3-4). Because the present action does not state whether such acceptance or entry was performed, a timely notice of same is earnestly solicited.

C. Interview of January 28, 2004

Applicants received the Examiner's Interview Summary for the above-identified interview. In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.133 and MPEP § 713.04, Applicants submitted their own summary of the interview, which was received by the United States Patent &

Trademark Office on February 2, 2004, as evidenced by the return postcard. Applicants thank the Examiner for her time and incorporate their summary herein by reference.